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TAGS: TPHY, TBIO, WHO

SUBJ: LASSA FEVER VIRUS

DEPARTMENT'S 147127 TO FREETOWN BEING PASSED FOR INFO AND  
FOR RELAY TO WHO.

QUOTE PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER MOH  
FROM DR. MONATH.

QUOTE RECENT LABORATORY STUDIES HAVE IMPLICATED A SINGLE  
RODENT SPECIES - MASTOMYS NATALENSIS - AS THE RESERVOIR  
OF LASSA FEVER VIRUS IN SIERRA LEONE. IF CLINICALLY  
SUSPECTED CASES ARE STILL OCCURRING IN PANGUMA AREA,  
SUGGEST LABORATORY CONFIRMATION AND CONSIDERATION OF  
EMERGENCY MEASURES TO REDUCE RODENT POPULATION. WHO MAY BE  
OF ASSISTANCE IN ADVISING ON RODENT CONTROL MEASURES.  
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